

very near his bed. I immediately ordered a place to be prepared without for the stove, and to have it removed forthwith, which was accordingly done. Kind-hearted but thoughtless visitors were constantly coming to see the wounded. This was strictly forbidden; and quietude of body and mind was in every possible way promoted.

As to the nature of the wounds I shall not speak with any great certainty. I found the patients placed in bed after having been examined by not a few medical gentlemen. It was not my duty to subject one of the poor but brave fellows to a moment's needless examination, to satisfy my curiosity. In the main I accepted the opinions that had been offered respecting the character of the wounds, and acted accordingly. Private White, who first came under my notice, I was told had received a ball through his left arm breaking the bone and entering the body, and was supposed to remain somewhere near the spine. Dr. Billings had placed the arms in splints; and ice water was being applied to the arm and also to the chest. The patient said this gave him great relief, and it was consequently continued. In the after part of the day his arm became very painful, and I removed one splint and placed the arm upon a pillow quite exposed and had ice directly applied. This gave him great relief.

Lieutenant Routh, I was told, had received a chest wound, and that the ball had pierced the lung and made its escape. I could not see the posterior wound, but from the situation of the anterior one, which was external to the heart, I thought it quite possible the lung had escaped. I found no symptoms of lung wound. The shock had evidently been severe to the unfortunate fellow, but from this he was rapidly rallying. From experience I had during the American war, I was enabled to offer a more favourable opinion than had been given before, which had a very happy effect upon him. Private Lugsten I found occupying a more comfortable room at the tavern. His brother and a few friends were giving him evidently too much attention. He was supposed to be very near his end, his case having been pronounced hopeless. His was also a wound of the chest, the ball having passed somewhat to the right side, perhaps at about the sixth rib. Here again I was led to doubt whether the ball had entered the lung. He was in a state of great excitement and restlessness, the pulse being in the neighbourhood of 140. I was inclined to attribute this in part, to the incessant conversation kept up respecting his own willingness to die. I at once told his brother that as he was well prepared to die it were much better to stop talking to him and keep the room very quiet. Quite contrary to the opinions which had been given, I said I certainly thought he might get well. I asked Dr. Allen, who was in immediate attendance what he was giving him, and he said nothing. I